

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT  
Domestic rug and carpet manufacturers see the end of an era of threadbare profits. During the past decade, widespread plant relocations and a surge in imported carpets pulled the rug from under industry profits, despite steadily advancing sales volume, which last year reached nearly the billion dollar level at wholesale. The plant relocation exodus, a phenomenon that lead almost every rug maker to move from New England down south in search of cheap labor, is about over. And just two months ago, the U.S. boosted the tariff on low-priced foreign-made rugs to 40 per cent from its previous level of 21 per cent.

IN ADDITION, domestic producers have been improving the production techniques and speed of carpet manufacturing, and the growing popularity of synthetic fibers such as nylon and acrilan have increased the depth of the market. These developments, coupled with a rapidly growing population and higher personal incomes, point the way to a wall-to-wall profit jump in coming years, according to most industry spokesmen.

FARING WELL — Eastern railroads, which lost \$133 million on their passenger services last year, last week asked the Interstate Commerce Commission to allow them to retain as revenue the equivalent of the 10 per cent federal transportation tax after it expires on Nov. 15.

Retention of this money in passenger fares, the roads said, would provide them with some needed additional revenue "without inflationary increases in charges paid by passengers."

A RAILROAD spokesman explained that under the proposal passengers would pay no more for rail transportation than at present. "The only difference," he said, "is that the equivalent of the wartime hangover 10 per cent transportation tax on railroad travel

will go to financially hard-pressed Eastern railroads rather than to the federal government, which was the intent of many Congressmen when repeal of the tax was voted."

He stated that the estimated \$19 million which would be diverted from the federal government to the 23 passenger railroads "would still be more than \$100 million short of putting passenger service on a break-even basis."

SOUND BUSINESS — The \$100-million-a-year ultrasonics business continues to boom. Ultrasonics, the use of high-frequency sound waves, is being used in a variety of industrial applications that range from controlling fuel flow in rockets to cleaning minute parts and surgical instruments.

Latest use of the sound waves is the detection of metal flaws in railroad tracks. A new firm, the Railroad Industrial Service Co., was established recently to produce ultrasonic metal-testing equipment; its first product will be "detector cars" that will travel the nation's railroad track probing with sound waves to find minute flaws hidden deep within the rails.

THE UNIQUE detector cars, designated "high rail" for their ability to travel on highways as well as rails, will be built on special chassis. They are said to be the first commercially available ultrasonic cars to use cathode-ray "memory tubes" to present flaw information. The tube's screen retains an image long enough to permit careful analysis and interpretation of the information presented.

The Chicago headquartered company, a subsidiary of the Chemtron Corporation, acquired patents and manufacturing rights to the new car from a Santa Fe Railroad engineer, and "will refine the concept and make use of fully transistorized circuitry to achieve flaw-finding ability superior to any existing equip-

ment," according to president Robert A. Baer.

THINGS TO COME—Dieting-made-easy is the theme of the latest weight control pill on the market; the pills, each of which contains just one calorie, cut hunger pangs when taken before meals. . . Fisherman's delight: a self-propelled plastic fishing lure than can dive, surface, twist through the water and swim erratically for an hour with one charge has been developed; it comes equipped with a season's supply of propellant. . . Disappearing plastic ribbon with an adhesive strength of five tons per square inch has been introduced; the ribbon adheres metal to ceramics and then

vanishes in the process, the maker claims.

FOAMY PROBLEM—There's a battle raging among brewers for a larger share of the beer drinker market, and consumers have recently seen its effect in lower prices for both nationally distributed and local brands. The big brewers, seeking to increase lagging sales, have dropped prices on premium beers and introduced low-price labels in an effort to crack the popular-price market, by far the largest in terms of sales. Small breweries are hardest hit by the competition and many are reportedly ready to fold. In the meantime, low beer prices prevail over much of the country.

BITS O' BUSINESS — Consumer instalment credit, paced by a \$171 million gain in auto buying credit, rose \$341 million during July, up from a \$318 million gain in June, according to a recent Federal Reserve Board report. . . An early boom in fall clothing has helped boost department store sales 2 to 10 per cent already this year; unseasonably cool weather is a major factor, a recent report contends. . . A favorable depreciation schedule and an unfavorable stock market slump seemed to have counterbalanced industry's plant and equipment spending plans; current spending projections for the remainder of the year are the same as they were in early spring.

Narbonne Job

The Board of Supervisors Tuesday allocated \$2,500 for improvement of a portion of Narbonne Avenue southerly of 243rd Street.

Supervisor Burton W. Chace said the project will be scheduled by the County Road Department in the near future.

The project will consist of extending pavement on the easterly side of the roadway to join with newly constructed curb and gutter.

I know, and all the world knows, that revolutions never go backward. — William H. Seward.

Walteria Baptist Church Plans Construction Fete

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new educational building at Walteria Baptist Church, 24466 Park St., will be held Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Norman Goodrich, superintendent of the Sunday School, and the Rev. James W. Reed will officiate. The public is invited to join in the observance.

The new two-story structure will accommodate 12 classrooms, an auditorium, kitchen and dining room. Burt Scott of First Baptist Church of Torrance is the contractor.

Morning worship services will be led by the Rev. Dale Payne, missionary to Peru. In the evening, the Rev. Joe Nash

will tell of his work in the Sudan. He will be accompanied by his family and his brother, the Rev. Ed Nash. Both ministers are former pastors of the church.

On Sunday, Sept. 23, the Sunday School will celebrate Rally Day. The Nicholas family will take charge of the day's activities, with the Rev. Boy Nicholas giving musical entertainment, accompanied by his sons on the trumpet and trombone.

Let us remember that revolutions do not always establish freedom. — Millard Fillmore.

School Prayers Should Be Legal, Bruinsma Says

Ted Bruinsma, candidate for Congress from the 17th District, said yesterday that if elected he will introduce a bill in Congress to obtain a Constitutional Amendment legalizing school prayer in America.

Bruinsma, speaking to a local taxpayers' association, said the founding fathers considered the U.S. Constitution "a divinely inspired document" and that he "did not believe they intended to rule prayer out of the schoolroom."

The GOP candidate pointed out that New York State authorities have interpreted the Supreme Court decision to mean that "In God we trust," which occurs in the third stanza of "The Star Spangled Banner," is unconstitutional if the verse is said as a prayer.

Cycle, Scooter Riders Injured

A 10-year-old bicyclist suffered minor injuries Sunday morning when his bicycle collided with a car driven by Joseph John Fioenza, 31, of Inglewood. Treated at a local hospital was Jack Patrick McGuirk of 4634 Clearside. The accident occurred at Linda Drive and Clearside Street. In another accident, Donald Emerson Case, 25, of 17700 S. Western Ave., refused medical aid at the scene Monday when he lost control of his motor scooter at Artesia Boulevard and Yukon Avenue and turned the scooter over. Case said he applied his brakes in an attempt to avoid an accident.

Births

TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL  
STEPHEN—Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. 2401 Benhill, Louisa, a son, Charles Ronald, Aug. 29.  
CLEVELAND—Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. 2371 Doris Way, a son, Bruce Gilbert, Aug. 30.  
ROSE—Mr. and Mrs. T. L. 5016 Astoria, a daughter, Linda Lee, Aug. 30.  
WARNE—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence DeJaine, 21225 S. Hobart Blvd., a daughter, Susan Marie, Aug. 30.  
BOWMAN—Mr. and Mrs. Alexis L. 1520 Annapola Ave., a daughter, Kimberley Lynn, Sept. 2.  
GENNAO—Mr. and Mrs. John, 17307 Yukon, a son, John Michael, Sept. 4.  
RINER—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ray, 21225 S. Figueroa, a daughter, Deborah Renee, Sept. 4.  
WATSON—Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. 1352 W. 222nd St., a son, Richard Dean Jr., Sept. 4.

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Men's Gym Shoes

- for those active periods (however brief) . . . feet first, sport first, safety first!
- sturdy oxford of heavy canvas . . . for beach, basketball, baseball, bouncing!
- reinforced toe cap . . . heavy suction sole . . . sizes 7-12
- ready, steady, speedy . . . in white only

1.99 pr.

Children's Animal Slippers

- animal treat for little feet!
- friendly, furry pets to keep them warm . . . elephants, chicks, ducks, pups, bunnies, baby bears!
- snug leatherette soles and soft rayon uppers
- tot sizes: small, medium, large
- in chocolate, butterscotch, snow white or little boy blue

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India Ash Trays

- scatter them brightly about the house . . . a dozen delightful forms!
- hand-etched brass in 4-inch flowers, leaves, teardrops, squares, circles, others
- one per chair, one per smoker . . . take home enough!

39c

Decorative Abacus

- good-looking and fascinating . . . you can count on it!
- 12 inch frame of ebony black
- abacus beads in rust, mustard, blue, ivy, white, black
- bright and decorative on wall or table or what-not shelf . . . or beside your electronic computer

89c

Perfumed Soap from France

- beauty soap from france . . . luxury in a fragrant bar!
- hand-milled, gentle, lovely . . . just to look at
- choose rose, alpine, lemon, violet, others . . . can you resist having them all?
- for so few francs!

29c bar

Brahma Bucket of India

- hand-hammered brass . . . antique splendor in this proud bucket!
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- multicolored toucan . . . bright parakeet . . . proud cardinal (st. louis) . . . chattering parrot . . . and others
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